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In re Application of

Naoki Soeda

Serial No.: 09/502,454

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Examiner: Chen, Tianjie

For: MAGNETIC DISK APPARATUS WITH SEPARATE PRINTED-CIRCUIT BOARDS

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Box AF  
Washington, D.C. 20231AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 26, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 4 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1, 12 and 14-16 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A magnetic disk apparatus comprising:
- a disk enclosure;
  - a first printed-circuit board which is paired with said disk enclosure; and
  - a second printed-circuit board which is connected to said first printed-circuit board via a cable and is separated in structure from said first printed-circuit board;

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Re: Enclosed § 1.116 Amendment After Final Rejection  
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/502,454  
Our Reference: YAS.018

Dear Examiner Chen:

Enclosed is an Amendment After Final Rejection, responsive to the August 26, 2002, Office Action, which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,



James E. Howard

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